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Together with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks below. Applicant submits herewith (1) Request for Continued Examination; (2) Amendment Fee Sheet; and (3) a Petition for Extension of Time of two months from July 10, 2005 to and including September 10, 2005. Because September 10, 2005 falls on a Saturday, and this paper is filed on Monday, September 12, 2005, Applicant submits that this paper is timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee(s) to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-2468.

Amendments to the specification begin at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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